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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before issuance of a first Office Action on the merits.

Additionally, Applicants would like to bring to the Examiner's attention the following co-pending U.S. patent applications, which relate to similar subject matter:

U.S. Patent Application No. 10/161,061, filed 30 May 2002; and

U.S. Patent Application No. 10/494,906, filed 7 May 2004.

Copies of non-U.S. patent documents are attached.

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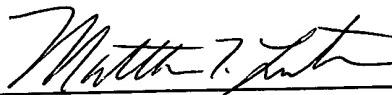
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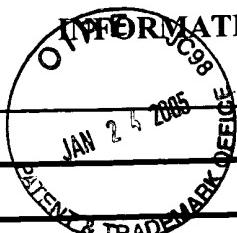
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